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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of Vollmers, et al.

Application No. 09/469,606

Filed: December 22, 1999

Attorney Docket No. 50274/007002 For: SUBSTANCE FOR OBTAINING

HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TUMOR

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 15, 2009 (certificate of mailing date May 12, 2009), requesting that the Office withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application. The petition will be treated under 37 CFR 1.181.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the final Office action, mailed October 29, 2008, which set forth an extendable three (3) month period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment, mailed May 5, 2009, states that no reply to the October 29, 2008 final Office action was received in the Office.

Petitioners request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the assertion that a request for a three month extension of time and a RCE were timely filed in the Office on certificate of mailing date April 29, 2009 and physically present in the Office on May 4, 2009. The undersigned finds this argument completely convincing, as these documents are present in the application file and Office financial records show that the required three month extension of time fee and the required RCE fee were charged on accounting date May 4, 2009. The petition for extension of time, the RCE, and the accompanying amendment contain proper certificates of mailing attached thereto.

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As stated above, all salient pieces of correspondence included a proper certificate of mailing, in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.8(a)(1) as set forth above.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **granted**, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn, and the May 5, 2009 Notice of Abandonment is **vacated**. No petition fee has been or will be charged in connection with this matter.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1643 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

Telephone inquiries pertaining to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the mailing of a final Office Action. Enclosed is a reply to the final Office Action.

Enclosed is a check for \$405.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F

this Request for Continued Examination.

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the final Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on October 29, 2008 be extended for three (3) months, to and including April 29, 2009.

Enclosed is a check for \$555.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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